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union representative will be the voice of the employees, and I urge you to reject Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the amendment? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. This piece of legislation has been amended and reamended and reamended, and now again Senator Beutler comes in with one more change. I think he has had more than his share of changes already. I think he may or not support the proposal as it moves from Select File, but I think the rest of us ought to have an opportunity to try to move this bill without anymore amendments. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question call is unnecessary because there are no other lights for recognition, and Senator Beutler is entitled to close. Motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 700.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, again just to explain the amendment. It would eliminate the labor union representative on the Board and replace that person with an at large member. If you adopted the amendment, then there would be two at large members, two members from the Legislature, one member from the Commission on the Status of Women and one member from the University of Nebraska. Again, I repeat for you just briefly the three reasons why I am proposing the amendment. One, I believe the labor union representation will tend to distort in favor of those elements of state government that are heavily represented by labor unions. Two, I believe that that representation will tend to distort in favor of greater differentiation than might otherwise be the fact if there were no self-interest involved. And, third, and most important, in my opinion, I believe that it is very important to disassociate the labor unions from this